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OVER AT LAST.

Major Lydecker's Expensive Work on

The Aqueduct at Rock Creek

Late yesterday afternoon the Presi-

dential approval of the findings of the

court-martial in the case of Major Lydecker,

and the sentence was promulgated.

Major Lydecker was found guilty of the

first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth

specifications, except where it was

stated in either of them that in conse-

quence of his neglect the contractors

were enabled to and did evade the re-

quirements of their contracts and caused

delay in furnishing a needed increase in

the supply of water to Washington and

great pecuniary loss to the United

States, and of these excepts he was de-

clared "not guilty."

Of the third specification he was de-

clared "not guilty." The third specifi-

cation alleged that Major Lydecker, with-

out using necessary diligence to satisfy

himself that the contractors had faith-

fully performed their work, entered into

an agreement with them to pay

Major Lydecker, that sum of \$80,000

percent of the percentage withheld from

the performance of their work, and on January

14, 1888, did pay such sum.

The court says in conclusion: "Of

the charges against Major Lydecker, the

court has found that he was guilty of

the first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth

specifications, except where it was

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EARLY MORNING NEWS.

Blown Up by a Tardy Blast.

An explosion of powder took place

yesterday morning at Rock Creek

water, a small village on the Ches-

ter Railroad about two miles from

Chester, Pa., and a half dozen men

were injured. The usual charge was

placed in the rock after drilling and the

men were ordered to a safe distance. In a

short time an explosion followed and the

men were blown back to work. They

had just reached the place of blasting

when another explosion took place.

Stones and other flying objects

were scattered in all directions. One

man, Lewis Green, colored, was

knocked down and is badly injured

and his recovery is doubtful. Patrick

McBride was burned in the face by the

powder. Thomas Collins, colored, had his

hand mangled, and William Scott was

bruised about the legs. Two or three

others were slightly injured by flying

stones. None of the injuries, except

those received by Green, are likely to

prove fatal.

Lucky Thirteen.

The popular superstition concerning

the ill-luck of social parties of thirteen

members was illustrated on Thursday

in Frankford, Philadelphia, when the

fourth anniversary of a club of this

character was marked by the sudden

death of three members and the serious

injury of four others. The victims are

all members of a Thirteen Club com-

posed exclusively of members of Jeru-

salem Lodge, No. 596, A. Y. M. The

first death was that of El Clinton Von-

der, of 475 Penn street, who was

dropped dead with heart disease on

Thursday morning while seated in a

doctor's office. His associates assem-

bled on Thursday night for the purpose

of arranging for his funeral, and while

returning home in a couple of two men

members of the club were killed and four

others injured in a grade-crossing ac-

cident at Bridgeport.

Haves Found Guilty.

Richard Hawes, the man in whose

defense at Birmingham, Ala., the sheriff

Major Garrett J. Lydecker of the corps

of engineers are approved and will be

carried into effect. The gravamen of

the offense of this officer was the

neglect of a very high and im-

portant duty. It is not very important

from a military standpoint whether

pecuniary loss did or did not result to

the Government. But that very great

loss and inconvenience have been in-

flicted on the community by the delays

which have resulted from the failure to

discover promptly the faulty and dan-

gerous character of the work is apparent.

The suggestion that the strictest and

most faithful supervision of the progress

of such a work is powerless to detect

and correct the errors which were pro-

duced by the contractor in this case is a

discredit to the engineering profession

entirely inadmissible.

The sentence imposed by the court

seems to have given full effect to every

suggestion that might have been of

benefit.

Barnum Buried.

The funeral services of Hon. Wm. H.

Barnum were held in Trinity Church,

New York City, yesterday afternoon.

The body was interred in the family

vaults in the cemetery of the church.

There were many prominent politicians